

2009 Massachusetts Agriculture Calendar Photo Contest



Amateur photographers who enjoy capturing images of the Bay State's farms and farm and horticultural products are invited to enter the 2009 Massachusetts Agriculture Calendar Photo Contest. Winning entries will be published in the **2010 Massachusetts Agriculture Calendar**. The contest and calendar are sponsored by Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc., the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Entrants are encouraged to keep in mind all seasons of the year, as 12 photos will be selected, one for each month. We look to feature photos that represent the vitality and diversity of Commonwealth's farms, crops and products throughout the seasons. Last year winners can be found at www.Mass.gov/Massgrown (click on "Calendar of Events").

Winning photographers will be credited in the calendar, will be invited to a winner's ceremony at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in Springfield in September (tickets to the fair included), and will receive copies of the calendar.

Rules

- 1) All photos must depict an aspect of Massachusetts' agriculture or horticulture. Photos must have been taken in Massachusetts within the past three years.
- 2) Entrants must not be a professional photographer (photography as a primary source of income) and may only submit their own original photographs.
- 3) All entries must be prints no smaller than 4x6 inches and no larger than 8x10 inches. **Slides and digital photos should also be submitted as prints.** Original negative, slide or digital file should be available upon request. Photos must not be framed or mounted.
- 4) Entrants may submit no more than five photos.
- 5) On an index card or paper, type or print the following information and attach with tape to the **back of each photo**: (please do not write directly on the back of the photo or use staples or paper clips, as this will damage the photo).

Entrant name

Address

Telephone number

Where the photo was taken and information relating to the subject matter

Month and year photo was taken

- 6) **Fill out and send the entry form at the bottom along with the photos to:** Photo-Contest 2009 Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02114-2151

Any questions, contact Rick LeBlanc at (617) 626-1759 or Richard.LeBlanc@state.ma.us, www.mass.gov/agr.

Deadline for submissions is June 1, 2009. Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs. MDAR retains the right to reproduce the winning photographs in related publications, promotions, and on the MDAR website. All photos will be properly credited in all uses. Neither the Mass. Dept. of Agricultural Resources, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, nor Mass. Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc. will be held responsible for lost submissions.

Entrant Name:		E-mail:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone:	Number of photos submitted:		

